

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a) Page 6, line ²⁰16 of the specification, delete "Fig.4" and replace with - - Figs. 4a-e - -. Cf
5.19.08
- b) Cancel claims 1-8.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to teach or suggest a guide means for guiding movement of the self-propelled cleaning device to contact the second contact of the self-propelled cleaning device to the first contact, and suction means and dust collection means for moving dust collected in a dust collection case provided on the propelled cleaning device, and the guide means forming a dust suction port which communicates to the dust collection means and opposes to a dust ejection port of the duct collection case.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."